April 2016 Events Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

The Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park is located on School St. off of Mission and Emmet Street in Santa Cruz. Hours of operation are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. and Sundays from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

Archeology Demonstration Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm

How do artifacts give us clues to the past? Follow the archeological process from the dig to the display, and participate in hands-on activities to discover the stories told by the artifacts. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Archeological Society. This event is **FREE. Rain Cancels.**

Mission Building Game Monday, April 4th at 2:30- 4:00 pm

Gather round the table and play a board game set in the 18th century. Spend Spanish real coins and roll the sheep's knucklebone to determine the fate of your mission. Geared for ages 8 and older. The event is **FREE. Rain or shine.** Make your reservations: 831 425-5849.

Mission Building Game Thursday, April 6th at 2:30 – 4:00 pm

See description above

Guided Adobe Tour at the Santa Cruz Mission Friday, April 8th at 2:00 PM

Join us at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park for a guided tour of the oldest building in Santa Cruz. Come learn about the many families who have called this 180-year-old mission adobe their home. Tours are conducted rain or shine.

Hides and Tallow at the Santa Cruz Mission Saturday, April 9th at 1:00 pm

Come and see how Mission Santa Cruz participated in a world economy back in the early 1800's. We will look at some of the major products of the mission; leather and tallow, and demonstrate how they were used. You will see how a branding iron works and get to make your own candle. The event is **FREE. Rain Cancels.**

Building Methods at the Mission Saturday, April 16th at 1:00 pm

Come and see how the oldest building in town was made. We will look at the materials used by the Ohlone to build their homes and then at the materials introduced by the Spanish to build Mission Santa Cruz. You will have the chance to get your hands dirty and make your own mini abode brick. The event is **FREE. Rain Cancels.**

Mission Cooking Demonstration Saturday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm

Come to Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park and experience different cooking styles used by the people who lived and worked here over 200 years ago. There will be a presentation of Ohlone and Spanish cuisine including hot rock cooking, tortilla frying on a Comal and baking in our Horno. You can even sample the creations and make your own tortilla. The event is **FREE. Rain cancels**.

Wool, Spinning, and Weaving at the Santa Cruz Mission Saturday, April 30th at 1:00 pm

How did an isolated settlement clothe the hundreds of people who lived there? Take an in depth look at the cloth industry of Mission Santa Cruz. We will follow the path of wool from the sheep to the shirt. You will have the chance to try your hand at a drop spindle and spin your own wool. The event is **FREE. Rain or Shine.**

Please call (831) 425-5849 for more information. Or visit www.parks.ca.gov